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Mr. Tony Smuz
962 San Christopher Dr.
Dunedin Florida 34698

Dear Mr. Smuz:

This is in reply to your inquiry to Congressman Biliarakis regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 87 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Those rules have been in place for over 20 years. While they have been amended on numerous occasions since that time, they nonetheless embody regulatory concepts based on yesteryear's technology and, unless changed, will stifle the growth and development of private land mobile radio technology and services, which are used primarily by local governments, public safety entities, and businesses to enhance their productivity. The Commission issued the Notice, therefore, to solicit comment from all interested persons on a wide variety of proposals designed to increase channel capacity, to promote more efficient use of these channels, and to simplify the rules governing use of these channels.

The proposals in the Notice reflect to a large extent concepts and proposals submitted in the initial inquiry stages of this proceeding. None of the proposals set forth in the Notice, however, are engraved in stone. Indeed, the proposals represent our best judgment at this stage of the proceeding on steps that must be taken to improve the regulatory climate for users of the private land mobile radio spectrum below 512 MHz. To this end, some of the critical issues that must be resolved relate to channel spacing, the amount of time provided to users to convert to new technical standards, how the 300 to 500 percent increase in channel capacity should be licensed, how the rules should be written to provide users technical flexibility, and whether the current nineteen radio services should be consolidated and, if so, how. I have enclosed for your information a copy of that part of the Notice that describes the numerous proposals.

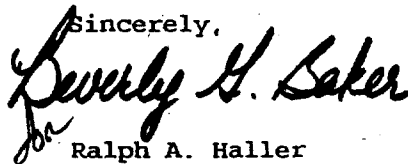
You are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

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We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take into careful consideration all their comments. Your concerns will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in ~~radio~~ operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Comments on the proposals set forth in the Notice are due May 28, 1993, and Reply Comments are due July 14, 1993. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Ralph A. Haller
Chief, Private Radio Bureau

Copy to: Congressman Bilirakis

Enclosures:

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am enclosing, for your review, a copy of comments which I received from several of my constituents.

In summary, they are concerned that the F.C.C. plans to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. If this is done many who own radio controlled models will lose not only the time enjoyed using these models, but the money that was invested in the purchasing of this expensive equipment.

I would appreciate your thorough review of the attached comments. Please forward your response directly to my constituents.

I would also be grateful if you would send a copy of your response to my Washington, D.C. office.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mike

Michael Bilirakis
Member of Congress

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Telephone: 813-733-5345

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Opposes Supports

Explanation of Constituent's Position: FCC - Radio-controlled

Airplanes - Δ in frequency problem
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a better explanation

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Additional Comments: _____

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